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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:

Arkansas

COUNTY:

Ouachita

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY DATE

MAR 1 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:

BRAGG HOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Four miles west of Camden on Rural Route, Box 531 A

CITY OR TOWN:

Near Camden

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Four

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY:

Ouachita

CODE

103

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
(Check One)

- ☐ District ☒ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ Public
☒ Private
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

- ☒ Occupied
☐ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in progress

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

- Yes:
☐ Restricted
☐ Unrestricted
☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park ☐ Transportation
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☒ Private Residence ☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Thomas Gaughan

STREET AND NUMBER:

Four miles west of Camden on Rural Route, Box 531 A

CITY OR TOWN:

Near Camden

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Ouachita County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Camden

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE OF SURVEY:

- ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Arkansas History Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:

300 West Markham Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Little Rock

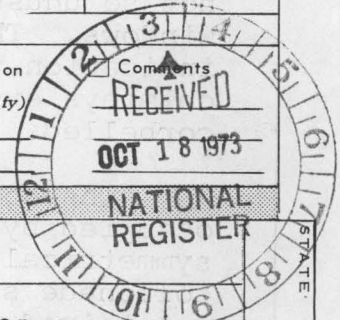
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COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed
 (Check One)
☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered ☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Four miles west of Camden, in a grove of magnificent oak trees, stands the old homestead of the Bragg family. It is a two-story frame house with five bays across the front on both first and second floor. A two-tiered porch covers the main entrance and is supported by four square columns with Doric capitals. There is a railing on the second floor tier, but none on the first. The house is basically rectangular with a hip roof.

The main entrance has a double-entry door with rectangular sidelights and transom. The doors have three tiers of molded panels. The door, sidelights and transom are trimmed with architrave and cornice. The door on the second story is a single entry with no sidelights or transom. It is trimmed in a very plain fashion.

The windows are most unusual. The first floor windows are double-hung sashes. The top sash has nine lights and the bottom six lights. The second floor windows are not so unusual, having six lights per sash in double-hung windows. The windows have no shutters, nor is there any indication that they ever did. There are two interior chimneys extending through the roof. Their caps are corbelled.

The house was built in the late 1840's but not occupied by the Bragg family until 1850. The house has the symmetrical facade typical of the period and the Classical colonnade supporting the porch roof. The building has maintained most of its original integrity, and has suffered minimal alteration. Most of the alterations have been to achieve a state of utility corresponding to the changing times. Composition shingles have replaced the original wood shingles, and new siding has been added. A door has replaced a window and there is an enclosed back porch that is probably not original.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Peter Newport Bragg moved to Camden in 1842. He came from Lowndes County, Alabama. He was followed in his immigration by his brothers, Ira, Sam, Hosea and Eber. All of the Braggs settled in the area and their descendants are still living in Ouachita County.

Peter Bragg brought the claim to a small farm (near where the Bragg House now stands) from Mr. Levi Stone, who came from Missouri about 1822. Bragg also bought a saw mill in order to saw lumber for the house he intended to build. The saw mill, however, was the only one in the area; and the demand for lumber was so great that Bragg was unable to saw lumber for his own use until a period of some years had elapsed. Bragg could have sawn lumber for his house at an earlier date, but it was considerably more profitable to supply lumber to others when the demand was so great.

In 1850, the house was completed to the point of occupancy, but it required an additional two years to finish the interior and exterior work. The house was constructed of virgin pine which was, of course, sawn in Bragg's mill, by his slaves. The mill was significant in Bragg's life. He met his death there not many years after the completion of his house. The house, characteristic of the period, is fastened by a combination of mortise and tenon, wooden pegs, and square cut nails. The wide boards, in floors and wall paneling, recall the early lumbering days in Arkansas when large stands of virgin timber were available for cutting.

During the Civil War a brief skirmish between Union and Confederate Troops was fought close to the house. Mrs. Bragg stood with her children in a small alcove between the dining room and family room, so that the double chimney would be between them and the fighting. Several bullets pierced the walls, but Braggs, like the homeowners of today, repaired or replaced the damaged wood as soon as possible, failing thereby, to anticipate the interest of visitors a century later.

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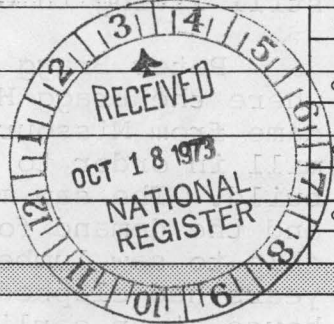
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		33° 34 ' 52.4"	92° 54 ' 05.8"	
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "			53' 56"	
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ed Baxter, Staff	
ORGANIZATION Historic Preservation Program	DATE July 16, 1973
STREET AND NUMBER: 1023 West Third	
CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock	STATE Arkansas
	CODE 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name William E. Henderson
Title Arkansas Historic Preservation Officer

Date October 10, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Arkansas	
COUNTY Ouachita	
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8. Significance Continued:

There is a small family cemetery approximately one-eighth mile east of the house. Peter Newport Bragg, his mother and several other members of the family are buried in the beautiful little plot.

Although the Bragg house has been occupied by various families throughout the years, the house has always remained in the possession of the Bragg family. It is now owned by Thomas Gaughan, a great grandson of Peter Newport Bragg.



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED. DATE: 1-16-74
NAME OF PROPERTY Bragg House, Ark.

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

1. Name. _____
2. Location. _____
3. Classification. _____
4. Owner of Property. _____
5. Location of Legal Description. _____
6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____
7. Description. _____
8. Statement of Significance. _____
9. Bibliography. _____
- ☒ 10. Geographical Data. Base 23 sec.
 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. Longitude (or Latitude) appears to be off by about Please check.
 - b. Acreage. _____
11. Form Prepared By. _____
12. Certification. _____
- Photographic Coverage. _____
- Map Coverage. _____
- Other. _____

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED: Charles A. Henry

PROPERTY

Bray's House

STATE

Ark.

WORKING NUMBER

10.18.73. 3822

Ourchita Co.

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS

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MAPS

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74000487

CONTROL REVIEW

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HISTORIAN

Baxter doesn't give any info. about
interior - does Arch. Hist. Think we
should ask on return sheet for more
description? - chance to educate?OK
Return
then
Accept
Amk
10/24/73

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

is map acceptable? (copy)

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
KAC
11/7/73

BRANCH CHIEF

accept
call
1-15-74

KEEPER

Wm
3/1

National Register Write-up

3-20-74

Send-back

1.16.74

Federal Register entry

4-2-74

Re-submit

2.20.74

Entered

MAR 1 1974



Arkansas, Ouachita County

Bragg

FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME

COMMON

BRAGG HOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC

NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)

MAR 1 1974

2. LOCATION

STATE

Arkansas

COUNTY

Ouachita

TOWN

Camden

STREET AND NUMBER

Rural Route, Box 531 A

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Ed Baxter - HPP Staff

DATE

July 10, 1973

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AHC

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

North and East elevations viewed from the Northeast.



GPO 932-009

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

1. NAME

COMMON

AND/OR HISTORIC

NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*

BRAGG HOUSE

MAR 1 1974

2. LOCATION

STATE

COUNTY

TOWN

Arkansas

Ouachita

Camden

STREET AND NUMBER

Rural Route, Box 531 A

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

DATE

SCALE

U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute
Series Camden S. W.
Quadrangle

1971 Advance Proof

1:2400

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW:



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ADVANCE PROOF
SUBJECT TO CORRECTION
SCALE 1:24,000

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

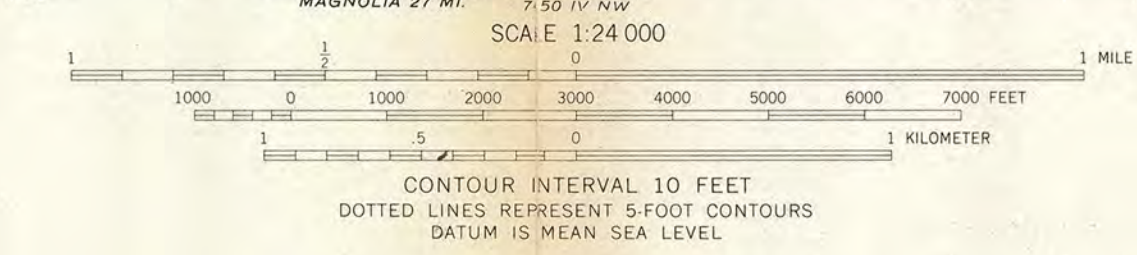
CAMDEN SW QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS—OUACHITA CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 CAMDEN 15' QUADRANGLE



Camden SW, Ark.

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1970. Field checked 1971
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

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DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U.S. Route
State Route

CAMDEN SW, ARK.
SW/4 CAMDEN 15' QUADRANGLE
N3330—W9252.5/7.5
1971
AMS 7451 III SW—SERIES V884

CAMDEN SW, ARK.
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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **ARKANSAS**

Date Entered **MAR 1 1974**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ellicott-Meek House	Camden Ouachita County
Spring Mill	Batesville vicinity Independence County
Bragg House	Camden vicinity Ouachita County

	<u>Also Notified</u>
Hon. John L. McClellan	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. J. W. Fulbright	Mr. William E. Henderson, Director
Hon. Ray Thornton, Jr.	Arkansas Dept. of Parks & Tourism
Hon. Bill Alexander, Jr.	State Capitol - Room 149
	Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Director, Southwest Region

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